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**ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2881**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2308

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Atsushi MURAKOSHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2881
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Application No.: 09/559,345) Examiner: Kiet Tuan Nguyen
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Filed: April 27, 2000)
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For: ION GENERATION METHOD AND)
FILAMENT FOR ION)
GENERATION APPARATUS)
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of June 20, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4 and 8, amend claim 1, and add new claims 21-23 as follows:

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